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FOREWORD

This report reviewing the legislative activity during the 112th Congress of the Committee on Rules and Administration is submitted pursuant to paragraph 8(b) of Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate. Paragraph 8 provides that standing committees of the Senate shall review and study, on a continuing basis, the application, administration, and execution of those laws, or parts thereof, the subject matter of which is within their jurisdiction, and submit to the Senate, not later than March 31 of each odd-numbered year, a report detailing the activities of that committee for the preceding Congress. The text of paragraph 8(b) of rule XXVI is as follows:

8.(b) In each odd-numbered year, each such committee shall submit, not later than March 31, to the Senate, a report on the activities of that committee under this paragraph during the Congress ending at noon on January 3 of such year.

CHARLES E. SCHUMER, *Chairman*.

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R E P O R T

[Pursuant to paragraph 8(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate]

JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The jurisdiction of the Committee on Rules and Administration is set forth in paragraph 1(n)(1) of rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. The following are excerpts from that paragraph.

RULE XXV

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. The following standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each Congress, and shall continue and have the power to act until their successors are appointed, with leave to report by bill or otherwise on matters within their respective jurisdictions:

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(n)(1) Committee on Rules and Administration, to which committee shall be referred all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects:

1. Administration of the Senate Office Buildings and the Senate wing of the Capitol, including the assignment of office space.
2. Congressional organization relative to rules and procedures, and Senate rules and regulations, including floor and gallery rules.
3. Corrupt practices.

4. Credentials and qualifications of Members of the Senate, contested elections, and acceptance of incompatible offices.

5. Federal elections generally, including the election of the President, Vice President, and Members of the Congress.

6. Government Printing Office, and the printing and correction of the Congressional Record, as well as those matters provided for under rule XI.

7. Meeting of the Congress and attendance of Members.

8. Payment of money out of the contingent fund of the Senate or creating a charge upon the same (except that any resolution relating to substantive matter within the jurisdiction of any other standing committee of the Senate shall be first referred to such committee).

9. Presidential succession.

10. Purchase of books and manuscripts and erection of monuments to the memory of individuals.

11. Senate Library and statuary, art, and pictures in the Capitol and Senate Office Buildings.

12. Services to the Senate, including the Senate restaurant.

13. United States Capitol and congressional office buildings, the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institution (and the incorporation of similar institutions), and the Botanic Gardens.

(2) Such committee shall also——

(A) make a continuing study of the organization and operation of the Congress of the United States and shall recommend improvements in such organization and operation with a view toward strengthening the Congress, simplifying its operations, improving its relationships with other branches of the United States Government, and enabling it better to meet its responsibilities under the Constitution of the United States; and

(B) identify any court proceeding or action which, in the opinion of the Committee, is of vital interest to the Congress as a constitutionally established institution of the Federal Government and call such proceeding or action to the attention of the Senate.

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RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND
ADMINISTRATION

TITLE I—MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

1. The regular meeting dates of the Committee shall be the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, at 10:00 a.m. in room SR-301, Russell Senate Office Building. Additional meetings of the Committee may be called by the Chairman as he may deem necessary or pursuant to the provision of paragraph 3 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

2. Meetings of the committee, including meetings to conduct hearings, shall be open to the public, except that a meeting or series of meetings by the committee on the same subject for a period of no more than 14 calendar days may be closed to the public on a motion made and seconded to go into closed session to discuss only whether the matters enumerated in subparagraphs (a) through (f) would require the meeting to be closed followed immediately by a recorded vote in open session by a majority of the Members of the committee when it is determined that the matters to be discussed or the testimony to be taken at such meeting or meetings:

(A) will disclose matters necessary to be kept secret in the interests of national defense or the confidential conduct of the foreign relations of the United States;

(B) will relate solely to matters of the committee staff personnel or internal staff management or procedure;

(C) will tend to charge an individual with crime or misconduct, to disgrace or injure the professional standing of an individual, or otherwise to expose an individual to public contempt or obloquy, or will represent a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of an individual;

(D) will disclose the identity of any informer or law enforcement agent or will disclose any information relating to the investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense that is required to be kept secret in the interests of effective law enforcement;

(E) will disclose information relating to the trade secrets or financial or commercial information pertaining specifically to a given person if:

(1) an Act of Congress requires the information to be kept confidential by Government officers and employees; or

(2) the information has been obtained by the Government on a confidential basis, other than through an application by such person for a specific Government financial or other benefit, and is required to be kept secret in order to prevent undue injury to the competitive position of such person; or

(F) may divulge matters required to be kept confidential under the provisions of law or Government regulations. (Paragraph 5(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules.)

3. Written notices of committee meetings will normally be sent by the committee's staff director to all Members of the committee at least a week in advance. In addition, the committee staff will telephone or e-mail reminders of committee meetings to all Members of the committee or to the appropriate assistants in their offices.

4. A copy of the committee's intended agenda enumerating separate items of legislative business and committee business will normally be sent to all Members of the committee and released to the public at least 1 day in advance of all meetings. This does not preclude any Member of the committee from discussing appropriate non-agenda topics.

5. After the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member, speaking order shall be based on order of arrival, alternating between Majority and Minority Members, unless otherwise directed by the Chairman.

6. Any witness who is to appear before the committee in any hearing shall file with the clerk of the committee at least 3 business days before the date of his or her appearance, a written statement of his or her proposed testimony and an executive summary thereof, in such form as the chairman may direct, unless the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member waive such requirement for good cause.

7. In general, testimony will be restricted to 5 minutes for each witness. The time may be extended by the Chairman, upon the Chair's own direction or at the request of a Member. Each round of questions by Members will also be limited to 5 minutes.

TITLE II—QUORUMS

1. Pursuant to paragraph 7(a)(1) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules, a majority of the Members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the reporting of legislative measures.

2. Pursuant to paragraph 7(a)(1) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules, one-third of the Members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, including action on amendments to measures prior to voting to report the measure to the Senate.

3. Pursuant to paragraph 7(a)(2) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules, 2 Members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony under oath and 1 Member of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking testimony not under oath; provided, however, that in either instance, once a quorum is established, any one Member can continue to take such testimony.

4. Under no circumstances may proxies be considered for the establishment of a quorum.

TITLE III—VOTING

1. Voting in the committee on any issue will normally be by voice vote.

2. If a third of the Members present so demand a roll call vote instead of a voice vote, a record vote will be taken on any question by roll call.

3. The results of roll call votes taken in any meeting upon any measure, or any amendment thereto, shall be stated in the committee report on that measure unless previously announced by the committee, and such report or announcement shall include a tabulation of the votes cast in favor of and the votes cast in opposition to each such measure and amendment by each Member of the committee. (Paragraph 7(b) and (c) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules.)

4. Proxy voting shall be allowed on all measures and matters before the committee. However, the vote of the committee to report a measure or matter shall require the concurrence of a majority of the Members of the committee who are physically present at the time of the vote. Proxies will be allowed in such cases solely for the purpose of recording a Member's position on the question and then only in those instances when the absentee committee Member has been informed of the question and has affirmatively requested that he be recorded. (Paragraph 7(a)(3) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules.)

TITLE IV—AMENDMENTS

1. Provided at least five business days' notice of the agenda is given, and the text of the proposed bill or resolution has been made available at least five business calendar days in advance, it shall not be in order for the Committee to consider any amendment in the first degree proposed to any measure under consideration by the Committee unless such amendment has been delivered to the office of the Committee and circulated via e-mail to each of the offices by at least 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the scheduled start of the meeting.

2. In the event the Chairman introduces a substitute amendment or a Chairman's mark, the requirements set forth in Paragraph 1 of this Title shall be considered waived unless such substitute amendment or Chairman's mark has been made available at least five business days in advance of the scheduled meeting.

3. It shall be in order, without prior notice, for a Member to offer a motion to strike a single section of any bill, resolution, or amendment under consideration.

4. This section of the rule may be waived by agreement of the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member.

TITLE V—DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

1. The Chairman is authorized to sign himself or by delegation all necessary vouchers and routine papers for which the committee's approval is required and to decide in the committee's behalf all routine business.

2. The Chairman is authorized to engage commercial reporters for the preparation of transcripts of committee meetings and hearings.

3. The Chairman is authorized to issue, in behalf of the committee, regulations normally promulgated by the committee at the beginning of each session.

TITLE VI—DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND RANKING MINORITY MEMBER

The Chairman and Ranking Minority Member, acting jointly, are authorized to approve on behalf of the committee any rule or regulation for which the committee's approval is required, provided advance notice of their intention to do so is given to Members of the committee.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

**passed Senate; +obviated*

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions Referred to Committee

H. Con. Res. 90, authorizing the printing of the 25th edition of the pocket version of the United States Constitution.*

H. Con. Res. 132, providing funding to ensure the printing and production of the authorized number of copies of the revised and updated version of the House document entitled “Hispanic Americans in Congress”.

S.J. Res. 7, a joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Shirley Ann Jackson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Became Public Law: 112–19.

S.J. Res. 8, a joint resolution providing for the appointment of Stephen M. Case as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Became Public Law: 112–12.

S.J. Res. 9, a joint resolution providing for the reappointment of Robert P. Kogod as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Became Public Law: 112–20.

S. Con. Res. 5, a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol to honor Frank W. Buckles, the longest surviving United States veteran of the First World War.

S. Con. Res. 10, a concurrent resolution authorizing the remains of Frank W. Buckles, the last surviving United States veteran of the First World War, to lie in honor in the rotunda of the Capitol.

S. Con. Res. 28, a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team, and the Military Intelligence Service, United States Army, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II.*

S. Con. Res. 49, a concurrent resolution to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept a statue depicting Frederick Douglass from the District of Columbia and display the statue in a suitable location in the Capitol.

S. Res. 9, a resolution to permit the Senate to avoid unnecessary delay and vote on matters for which floor debate has ceased.

S. Res. 12, a resolution to amend the Standing Rules of the Senate to reform the filibuster rules to improve the daily process of the Senate.

S. Res. 13, a bill to require a two-fifths threshold to sustain a filibuster.

S. Res. 16, a resolution to require that all legislative matters be available and fully scored by CBO 72 hours before consideration by any subcommittee or committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate.

S. Res. 19, a resolution to require that a descriptive summary of each provision of any legislative matter be available 72 hours before consideration by any subcommittee or committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate.

S. Res. 23, a resolution to prohibit unauthorized earmarks.

S. Res. 46, a resolution requiring that legislation considered by the Senate be confined to a single issue.

S. Res. 50, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.+

S. Res. 52, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.+

S. Res. 53, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.+

S. Res. 54, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Select Committee on Intelligence.+

S. Res. 56, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.+

S. Res. 57, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.+

S. Res. 58, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Budget.+

S. Res. 59, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Armed Services.+

S. Res. 61, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.+

S. Res. 62, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.+

S. Res. 64, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.+

S. Res. 66, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.+

S. Res. 67, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.+

S. Res. 68, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.+

S. Res. 69, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.+

S. Res. 70, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration.+

S. Res. 71, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.+

S. Res. 79, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Foreign Relations.+

S. Res. 82, a resolution to provide sufficient time for legislation to be read.

S. Res. 93, a resolution establishing the Committee to Reduce Government Waste.

S. Res. 94, a resolution to express the sense of the Senate in support of reducing its budget by at least 5 percent.*

S. Res. 110, a resolution to require that all legislative matters be available and fully scored by CBO 48 hours before consideration by any subcommittee or committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate.

S. Res. 116, a resolution to provide for expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject to advice and consent.*

S. Res. 340, a resolution to amend the Standing Rules of the Senate to prohibit a Member, officer, or employee of the Senate from disclosing or using any material nonpublic information learned during the course of his or her service for personal gain.

S. Res. 427, Preventing Duplicative and Overlapping Government Programs Resolution.

S. Res. 594, a resolution establishing a select committee of the Senate to make a thorough and complete investigation of the facts and circumstances surrounding, and the response of the United States Government to, the September 11, 2012, terrorist attacks against the United States consulate and personnel in Benghazi, Libya, and to make recommendations to prevent similar attacks in the future.

Original Resolutions from Committee

S. Con. Res. 35, a concurrent resolution to establish the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the inauguration of the President-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States on January 21, 2013.*

S. Con. Res. 36, a concurrent resolution to authorize the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States.*

S. Res. 81, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2011, through September 30, 2011, and October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012, and October 1, 2012, through February 28, 2013.*

S. Res. 92, a resolution to authorize the payment of legal expenses of Senate employees out of the contingent fund of the Senate.*

S. Res. 103, a resolution providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library.*

S. Res. 311, A resolution to authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the committees of the Senate.*

S. Res. 318, resolution to authorize the printing of a revised edition of the Senate Rules and Manual.*

Resolutions within Rules Committee Jurisdiction—Not Referred to Committee

H. Con. Res. 27, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Gerald R. Ford from the people of Michigan for placement in the United States Capitol.*

H. Con. Res. 33, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.*

H. Con. Res. 99, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to unveil the marker which acknowledges the role that slave labor played in the construction of the United States Capitol.*

H. Con. Res. 105, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha.*

H. Con. Res. 108, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.*

H. Con. Res. 128, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the Montford Point Marines.*

H. Con. Res. 133, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the United States Capitol for an event to present the Congressional Gold Medal to Arnold Palmer, in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf.*

H. Con. Res. 135, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, in recognition of her leadership and perseverance in the struggle for freedom and democracy in Burma.*

S.J. Res. 49, a joint resolution providing for the appointment of Barbara Barrett as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Became Public Law: 112–262.

S. Con. Res. 16, a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha.*

S. Con. Res. 29, a concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the rotunda of the United States Capitol for an event to present the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to Neil A. Armstrong, Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin, Jr., Michael Collins, and John Herschel Glenn, Jr., in recognition of their significant contributions to society.*

LEGISLATION

Legislation Referred to Committee

H.R. 292, Stop the OverPrinting (STOP) Act.

H.R. 406, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to permit candidates for election for Federal office to designate an individual who will be authorized to disburse funds of the authorized campaign committees of the candidate in the event of the death of the candidate.

H.R. 1934, to improve certain administrative operations of the Library of Congress, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3463, to reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions and by terminating the Election Assistance Commission.

H.R. 6122, to revise the authority of the Librarian of Congress to accept gifts and bequests on behalf of the Library, and for other purposes.

S. 9, Political Reform and Gridlock Elimination Act.

S. 81, a bill to direct unused appropriations for Senate Official Personnel and Office Expense Accounts to be deposited in the Treasury and used for deficit reduction or to reduce the Federal debt.

S. 111, Voting Integrity and Verification Act of 2011.

S. 126, a bill to reduce the amount of financial assistance provided to the Government of Mexico in response to the illegal border crossings from Mexico into the United States, which serve to dissipate the political discontent with the higher unemployment rate within Mexico.

S. 130, a bill to prohibit authorized committees and leadership PACs from employing the spouse or immediate family members of any candidate or Federal office holder connected to the committee.

S. 168, Voter Fraud Prevention Act.

S. 210, Stop the OverPrinting (STOP) Act of 2011.

- S. 219, Senate Campaign Disclosure Parity Act.
- S. 331, Military and Overseas Voters' Relief Act.
- S. 428, a bill to establish the Office of the Inspector General of the Senate.
- S. 582, Social Security Protection Act of 2011.
- S. 674, Congressional Record Printing Savings Act of 2011.
- S. 739, a bill to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the Senate at no net cost to the Federal Government. Became Public Law: 112–167.
- S. 750, Fair Elections Now Act.
- S. 1248, Enumerated Powers Act.
- S. 1341, a bill to provide a point of order against consideration of any measure that would increase the statutory limit on the public debt above \$14.294 trillion unless that measure has been publicly available for a full 7 calendar days before consideration on the floor of the Senate.
- S. 1355, Robocall Privacy Act of 2011.
- S. 1411, Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act.
- S. 1498, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional reporting with respect to contributions to members of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction.
- S. 1501, a bill to require the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction to conduct the business of the Committee in a manner that is open to the public.
- S. 1522, Joint Select Committee on Job Creation Act of 2011.
- S. 1868, Smithsonian American Latino Museum Act.
- S. 2219, Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections Act of 2012.
- S. 3257, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the use of public funds for political party conventions, and to provide for the return of previously distributed funds for deficit reduction.
- S. 3312, Presidential Funding Act.
- S. 3359, One Subject at a Time Act.
- S. 3360, Read the Bills Act.
- S. 3528, a bill to repeal the authorization to provide office space, a furnishings allowance, congressional franking privileges, and staff assistance to former Speakers of the House of Representatives.
- S. 3608, Voter Empowerment Act of 2012.
- S. 3635, FAST Voting Act of 2012.
- S. 3657, LINE Act of 2012.

Original Legislation from Committee

None.

Legislation within Rules Committee Jurisdiction—Not Referred to Committee

H.R. 1402, to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the House of Representatives at no net cost to the Federal Government. Became Public Law: 112–70.

H.R. 6336, to direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept a statue depicting Frederick Douglass from the District of Columbia and to provide for the permanent display of the statue in Emancipation Hall of the United States Capitol. Became Public Law: 112–174.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

February 17, 2011—Organizational meeting of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Adoption of the Committee Rules of procedure and the approval of an original resolution which will fund the Rules Committee during the 112th Congress.

March 1, 2011—Legislative business meeting to markup the Omnibus Budget for Senate Committees. Adoption of an original resolution (S. Res. 81), the Omnibus Committee Funding Resolution, authorizing expenditures by Senate Committees for 112th Congress.

May 11, 2011—Executive business meeting to consider the nomination of William J. Boarman, of Maryland, to be the Public Printer. Legislative business meeting to consider S. Res. 116, to provide for expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject to advice and consent, and to consider S. 739, a bill to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish battery recharging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of the Senate at no net cost to the Federal Government.

June 22, 2011—Organizational meeting of the Joint Committee on Printing.

June 22, 2011—Organizational meeting of the Joint Committee on the Library.

June 29, 2011—Nomination Hearing: Election Assistance Commission. Testimony from Ms. Gineen M. Bresso, of Florida, to be a Member of the Elections Assistance Commission; Mr. Thomas Hicks, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Commissioner Elections Assistance Commission; and Ms. Myrna Pérez, of Texas, to be a Member of the Commissioner Elections Assistance Commission.

March 29, 2012—Legislative Hearing on S. 2219, the “Democracy Is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections Act of 2012” (DISCLOSE Act of 2012). Testimony from Mr. Fred Wertheimer, Founder and President, Democracy 21; Mr. David Keating, President, Center for Competitive Politics; and Professor Richard L. Hasen, Chancellor’s Professor of Law and Political Science, UC–Irvine School of Law.

April 25, 2012—Legislative Hearing on S. 219, the “Senate Campaign Disclosure Parity Act.” Testimony from the Honorable Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the Senate; and Mr. Paul Ryan, the Campaign Legal Center.

NOMINATIONS

PUBLIC PRINTER

The Rules Committee favorably reported out on May 12, 2011 the nomination of William J. Boarman, of Maryland, to be Public Printer, vice Robert Charles Tapella, resigned, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from December 22, 2010, to January 5, 2011. On January 3, 2012, the nomination was returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

The Rules Committee held a hearing on June 29, 2011 on the nomination to reappoint Gineen Maria Bresso, of Florida, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring

December 12, 2013. On January 24, 2012, the Senate received a message of withdrawal of nomination from the President.

The Rules Committee held a hearing on June 29, 2011 on the nomination of Thomas Hicks, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for a term expiring December 12, 2013, vice Gracia M. Hillman, term expired. On January 3, 2013, the nomination was returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

The Rules Committee held a hearing on the nomination of Myrna Perez, of Texas, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 12, 2011, vice Rosemary E. Rodriguez. On January 3, 2013, the nomination was returned to the President under the provisions of Senate Rule XXXI, paragraph 6 of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

REGULATIONS

During the 112th Congress, the Committee on Rules and Administration amended Rule X (Smoking Policy) of the Rules for Regulation of the Senate Wing of the United States Capitol and Senate Office Buildings.

COMMITTEE PUBLICATIONS

Senate Manual, 112th Congress, 1st session, S. Doc. 112-1.

Authority and Rules of Senate Committees, 2011-2012, 112th Congress, 1st session, S. Doc. 112-5.

Tributes to Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski, U.S. Senator from Maryland, tributes delivered in Congress, 112th Congress, 2nd session, S. Doc. 112-6.

Review of Legislative Activity During the 111th Congress, 112th Congress, 1st session, S. Rpt. 112-8.

Authorizing Expenditures by Committees of the Senate (relating to S. Res. 81), 112th Congress, 1st session, S. Rpt. 112-9.

Senate Cloture Rule, 112th Congress, 1st session, S. Prt. 112-31.

Expenditure Authorizations and Requirements for Senate Committees, 112th Congress, 1st session, S. Prt. 112-2.

The Congressional Directory, 112th Congress, 2nd session, S. Pub. 112-12.

Congressional Pictorial Directory, 112th Congress, 2nd session, S. Prt. 112-1.

Intern Handbook; spring 2011 Edition, 112th Congress, 1st session.

Intern Handbook; spring 2012 Edition, 112th Congress, 2nd session.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

POM84 Senate Rules and Administration (April 25, 2012) A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging Congress to adopt a Veterans Remembered Flag; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC8768 Senate Rules and Administration (December 31, 2012) A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report from the Attorney General to Congress relative to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC8729 Senate Rules and Administration (December 21, 2012) A communication from the Chair of the Board of Directors, Office of Compliance, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to recommendations for improvements to the Congressional Accountability Act; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC8077 Senate Rules and Administration (November 26, 2012) A communication from the Chairman, Board of Trustees, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a financial report in accordance with Section 8G(h) of the Inspector General Act of 1978; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC7474 Senate Rules and Administration (September 13, 2012) A joint communication from the Chair and Vice Chair, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's fiscal year 2014 budget request; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC7322 Senate Veterans' Affairs and other committees ... (September 11, 2012) A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Sequestration Update Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Finance; Foreign Relations; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; Veterans' Affairs; Indian Affairs; and Select Committee on Intelligence.

EC6986 Senate Rules and Administration (July 26, 2012) A communication from the Librarian of Congress, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the activities of the Library of Congress for fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC6526 Senate Rules and Administration (June 14, 2012) A communication from the Chair of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to five legislative recommendations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC5850 Senate Rules and Administration (April 25, 2012) A communication from the Chairman, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the memorial construction; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC5051 Senate Rules and Administration (February 16, 2012) A communication from the General Counsel and Acting Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Fiscal Year 2011 Activities”; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC4785 Senate Veterans’ Affairs and other committees ... (January 30, 2012) A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the “OMB Final Sequestration Update Report for Fiscal Year 2012”, referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans’ Affairs.

EC4668 Senate Rules and Administration (January 26, 2012) A communication from the General Counsel and Acting Executive Director, U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “2010 Election Administration and Voting Survey”; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC4667 Senate Rules and Administration (January 26, 2012) A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Commission’s competitive sourcing efforts during fiscal year 2011; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC3966 Senate Rules and Administration (November 16, 2011) A communication from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Federal Voting Assistance Program’s 2010 Post-Election Survey Report; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC3916 Senate Rules and Administration (November 10, 2011) A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Standards of Conduct” ((RIN3209-AA15)(Notice 2011-16)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 7, 2011; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC3876 Senate Rules and Administration (November 08, 2011) A communication from the Chairman, Board of Trustees, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Center’s financial statements, supplemental schedules of operations, and independent auditor’s report for years ended October 3, 2010 and September 27, 2009; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC3680 Senate Rules and Administration (October 20, 2011) A communication from the Executive Director of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, report entitled “2010 Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act”; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC3489 Senate Rules and Administration (October 06, 2011) A communication from the Chair, Office of General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled “Interpretive Rule on When Certain Independent Expenditures are ‘Publicly Disseminated’ for Reporting Purposes” (Notice 2011–13) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2011; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC3303 Senate Rules and Administration (September 19, 2011) A communication from the Vice Chair, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s fiscal year 2013 budget request; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC3087 Senate Rules and Administration (September 08, 2011) A communication from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to revisions of two disclosure forms used by political committees to report campaign finance activity; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC2996 Senate Veterans’ Affairs and other committees ... (September 08, 2011) A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, the OMB Sequestration Update Report for Fiscal Year 2012, referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans’ Affairs.

EC2501 Senate Rules and Administration (July 14, 2011) A communication from the Executive Director of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2009–2010 Impact of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 on the Administration of Elections for Federal Office (NVRA) report; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC1511 Senate Rules and Administration (May 05, 2011) A communication from the Chairman, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the memorial construction; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC1094 Senate Rules and Administration (March 31, 2011) A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the disclosure form used by Presidential campaigns to report campaign finance activity; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC1069 Senate Rules and Administration (March 30, 2011) A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to four legislative recommendations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC665 Senate Rules and Administration (February 17, 2011) A communication from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to its budget re-

quest for fiscal year 2012; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC59 Senate Rules and Administration (January 25, 2011) A communication from the Chair of the Board of Directors, Office of Compliance, transmitting, pursuant to Section 102(b) of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA) a report relative to recommendations for improvements to the Congressional Accountability Act; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

